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Dear Mr Powell

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Thank you for your letter dated 27th February 2013 with regard to the further written evidence that we provided, dated 31st January 2013. Our discussion around the removal of Core Medical Training posts did take almost 2 years but the discussions are with the Chief Executives of the Health Boards and their Medical Directors.

We only recruit to training posts once per year and therefore while this did seem like a long lead in period, it is important that we give the Health Boards sufficient notice to make alternative arrangements with regard to the service delivery elements of such jobs.

We are directly responsible for the quality of training to the General Medical Council in the UK and it is to them that we answer with regard to our standards. Our discussions are therefore only with the Health Board and not with the public as we are discussing the provision of training not the provision of service delivery by trainees.

I hope this helps to further clarify our position. We do believe we have acted appropriately and given sufficient time and notice to the Health Boards to ensure the improved quality of teaching and training within the Health Boards and for the benefit of patients.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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